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City Council approves University's demolition application for Amazon

Decision: 4-2 vote by council leaves Amazon in jeopardy

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By a 4-2 vote Monday night, the Eugene City Council approved the University's application to demolish Amazon Family Housing — bringing the threat of bulldozers one step closer to reality.

Efforts to preserve Amazon Family Housing were struck down after almost four hours of public testimony was heard for and against approving the application. A decision was finally reached at 11:20 p.m.

The decision before the council was to either affirm or reverse the Eugene's Historic Review Board's Jan. 26 decision to approve the University's application.

An appeal by the Save Amazon Coalition was made against the board's decision on February 6.

By affirming the board's decision Monday night, the council members voted to either allow the site to be cleared for new construction through total demolition, salvage and reuse of portions of the structures, or to move of the structures or plants to a new site.

"I believe they (University housing officials) have complied with the codes of historic preservation," said councilor Jim Torrey.

Councilor Laurie Swanson Gribkov agreed with Torrey, saying she believed the Historic Review Board had not erred in their decision to approve the application and that University officials have

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Verrecosha Star speaks to the Eugene City Council about the need for low-income housing in Eugene at the meeting Monday.

Council decides on Willamette Street design plan



The possible reopening of Willamette Street will be on the ballot May 16th. The new design plan will fashion Willamette Street similar to Olive Street. Bike racks such as these would no longer be seen in the middle of the mall.

Ballot: Design plan will be brought before voters

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Voters will be asked whether or not to open Willamette Street in the May 16 election based on the preliminary designs proposed by the Eugene City Council Monday.

The proposed design option will use concrete to pave Willamette Street with brick patterns and lane striping similar to Olive Street. The design allows for "traffic calming" in order to allow for joint use by vehicles and bicycles without separate lanes.

The use of concrete was proposed over the use of asphalt, which is less expensive but requires more costly maintenance.

Councilman Jim Torrey supported the use of concrete but asked that the council consider color additives to avoid blandness.

"When I look at Olive Street, it just doesn't do anything for me," he said.

The council voted to refer its preliminary design option plans, with cost parameters of \$1.3 million, to the voters to ensure the voters want the street opened.

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■ GOOD MORNING

► **PHOENIX (AP)** — An Arizona secretary and her painter-husband stepped forward Monday to claim the multistate Powerball's second-largest jackpot at \$101.8 million.

Shirley and Don Pence matched all six numbers Saturday, but their identities weren't immediately known.

The Phoenix couple said during a news conference they will retire on their winnings.

"We've both worked hard all our lives and now we don't have to," said Shirley Pence, who works for an insurance company. "I guess it hasn't sunk in

yet."

The couple bought the ticket at a 7-Eleven in north Phoenix.

The jackpot is the second-largest Powerball jackpot for a single-ticket winner. The largest was \$111 million won by a Wisconsin teacher in 1993.

In lotteries overall, the largest jackpot was \$118.8 million won in California in 1991.

Powerball tickets are sold in Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

Study: Student loans increase with tuition

College: OSSHE survey provides information about financing college, possible effects of tuition raises

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Preliminary data from a survey to determine the income characteristics of state higher education students and their families suggests that if tuition went up by \$1,000, student lending would increase substantially, and students would attend school elsewhere or not attend at all.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education commissioned The Oregon Family Resource Study last summer to provide an in-depth analysis of how Oregonians finance their post-secondary education and how changes in tuition and financial aid may affect college financing deci-

sions and college attendance behavior. This was in response to calls from some legislators for higher tuition.

The survey is being conducted by Human Capital Research Inc., of Chicago, Ill.

The preliminary report, released Jan. 31, represents a return of 1,267, or 32 percent of the 4,000 resident undergraduate students and their families who were surveyed. The final results are due June 30 and will be based on approximately a 60 percent return rate.

The annual tuition and fees at OSSHE institutions are approximately \$3,000. Students and their families were asked how they might finance their education if tuition were to increase to \$1,000 and no further grant aid were available.

The results show that 47 percent of all depen-

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